

# Proposed Smith and Minor Islands Aquatic Reserve Update



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# DNR and Puget Sound Aquatic Lands

- Steward of 1.9 million acres of Puget Sound, owned by people of Washington
- Water-dependent uses, public use & access, sustainable use of natural resources, environmental protection

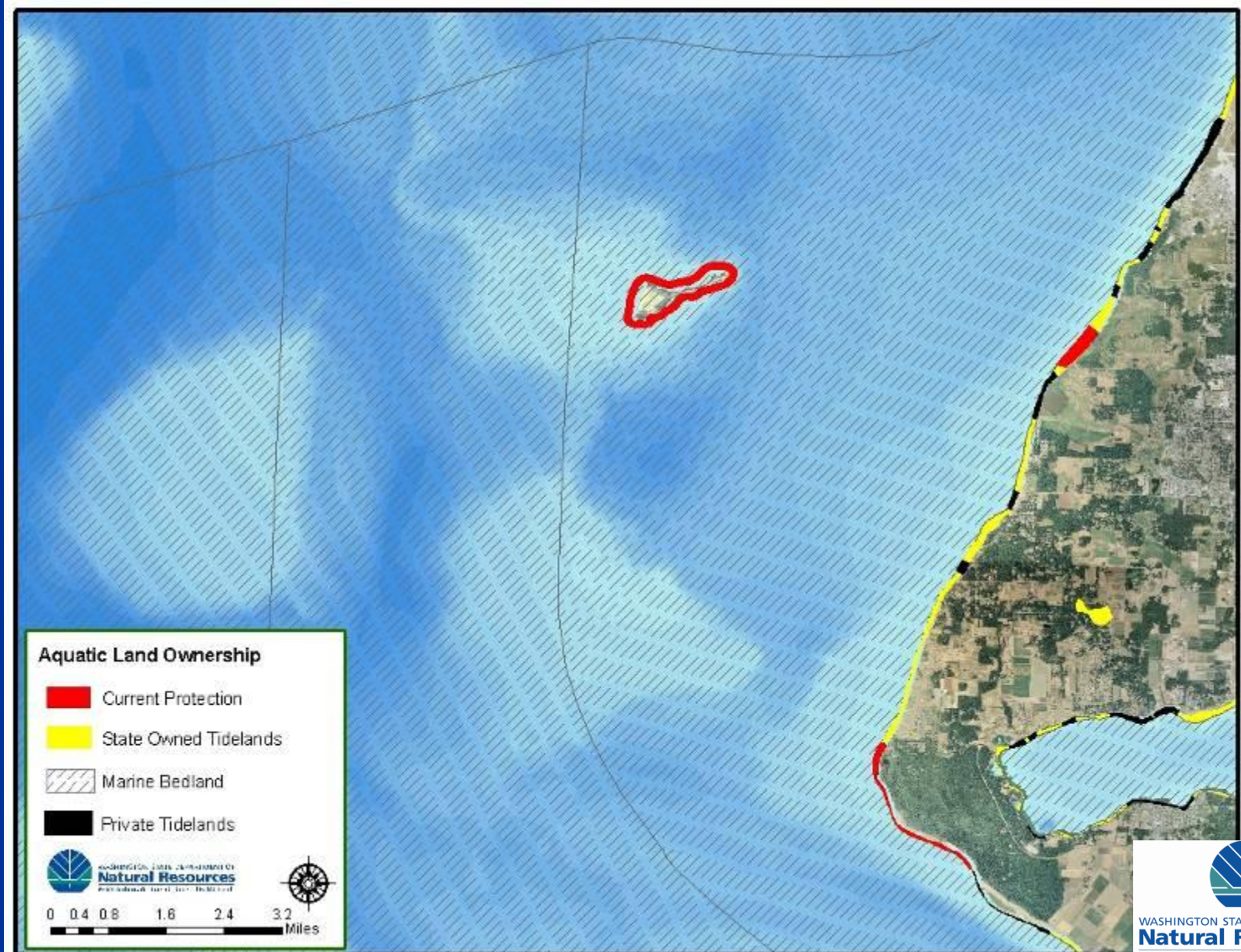


# Current Aquatic Protection





# Existing DNR Management

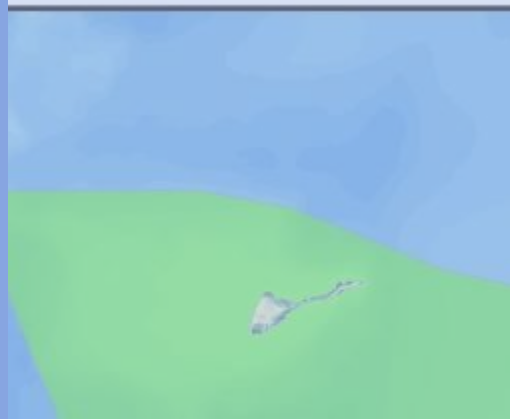




# The Program: Aquatic Reserves



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Conservation Targets

DNR land management  
issues



Management Plan



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# Process & Timeline

## **Stage 1 – Nomination & Evaluation – Ongoing**

- Outreach, public input, scientific evaluation

## **Stage 2 – Planning & SEPA – Fall 2009**

- Management plan development, SEPA Public Review

## **Stage 3 – Formal Decision – Summer 2010**

- DNR Commissioner's Decision on Adoption

# Public Outreach

- Began Spring 2008
- Over 35 different groups and individuals
  - PSA, Audubon, homeowner associations, Beach Watchers, Tribes, local governments.

# Public Outreach

- Identified important issues, uses concerns for site.
- Identified potential stakeholders and partners.



# Technical Advisory Committee

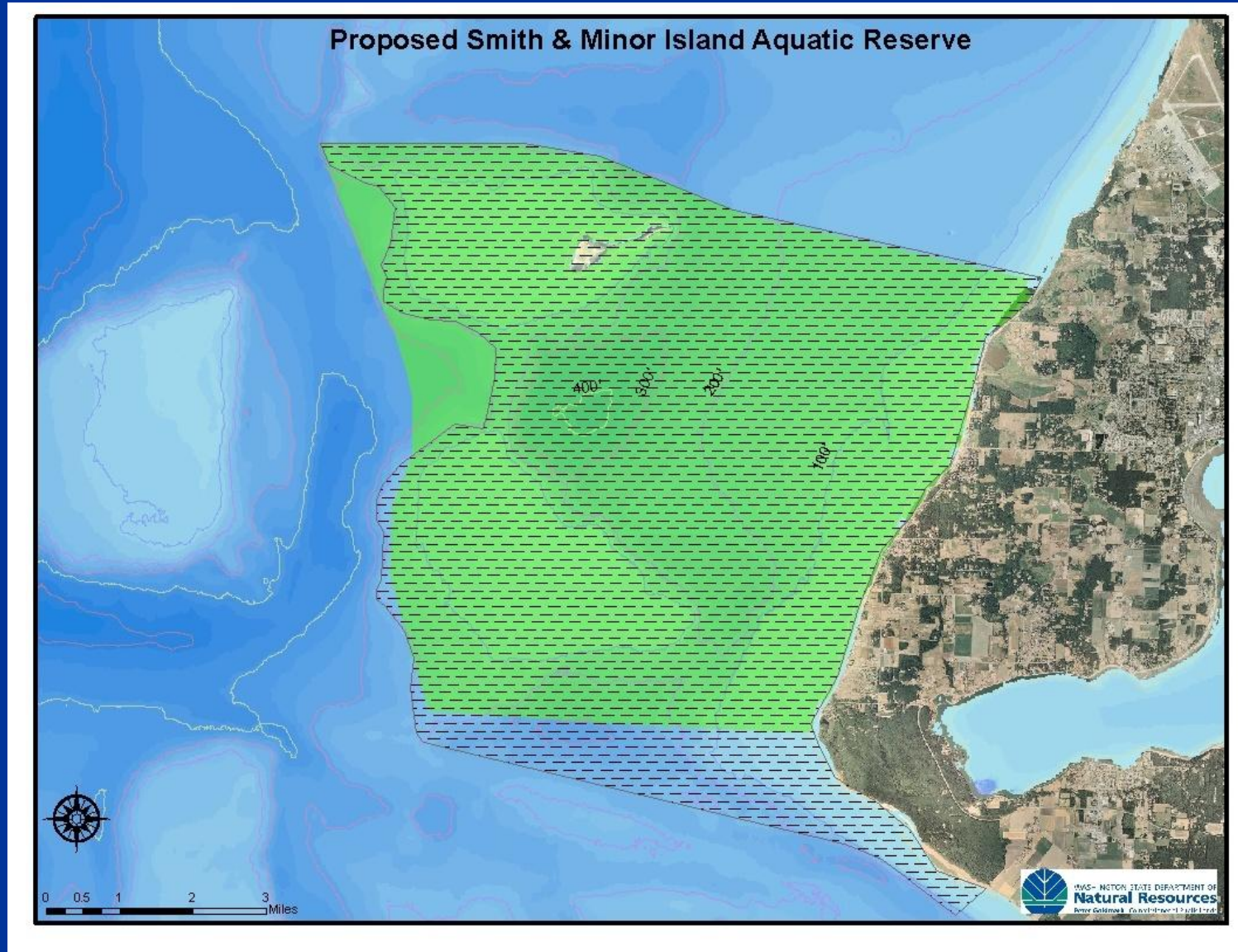
- 5 outside scientist
- Reviewed proposal, visited sites, consulted experts
- Developed recommendations
  - Move forward with plan development
  - Proposed boundary modifications
    - Captures more of ecosystem components







# Technical Advisory Committee



# Next Steps

- Tribal Outreach
- Finalize formal planning framework
- Establish advisory committee
- Begin planning process



# MRC Feedback

- Feedback on proposed formal planning process.
- Feedback on TAC recommended boundary changes.